

## HE REFUSED TO SIGN.

Leading Kentucky Republicans Held a Conference in Frankfort Saturday.

Gov. Taylor Issued a Proclamation Reconvening the General Assembly at Frankfort.

Troops Ordered Home—Only a Few Companies Remain to Guard the Capitol—Courts Will Now Settle Controversy.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 11.—Nearly every republican county committeeman came to Frankfort Saturday on the early morning train and also a large number of republican leaders from all parts of the state. Several republican members of the legislature were among the number, including Senators Kirk and Johnson and Representative Lewis. Shortly before 11 o'clock the doors of the capitol were opened, and the state delegations went up to the assembly room, the first time it has been opened since the shooting of Senator Goebel. The republican chairman and members of the legislature refused absolutely to talk in regard to the objects of their visit.

The assembly discussed two propositions—one that the governor sign the agreement and the other that he refuse to sign and "let the law take its course."

Judge George Denny, of Lexington, was elected chairman of the conference meeting and was loudly applauded. He declared Taylor was elected governor by the voters and should not be forced to give up.

A. M. J. Cochran, of Maysville, was the first one to come out of the conference, but he would say nothing as to what was going on inside.

There was evidently much enthusiasm in the conference. Nearly every time the door was opened cheers were heard from the outside.

Gov. Taylor has definitely decided that he will not sign the Louisville agreement. He made the declaration at 1:15 o'clock as he came from the legislative hall, in which he had all morning been in conference with the republican committeemen. He has decided to allow the matter to be settled in the courts, and will abide by their action.

The legislature will be allowed to meet in the capitol building Monday and will continue its work without further interruption. Immediately after Gov. Taylor came from the hall orders were issued to the troops to go to their homes and Col. Williams at once sent messages ordering cars to be prepared for their transportation.

The meeting was a long and excited one, opinion from the first being against signing any agreement with the democrats which might in any way be construed as a surrender of the republicans. The feeling was also general that it was needless to keep up the fight as it had been conducted during the last two weeks. It was then decided to allow the legislature to come back on Monday, to discontinue the sessions at London, and allow matters to be settled by the legal tribunals. There is no doubt what the decision of the courts and legislature will be, as both of them have already gone on record as favoring the Goebel side of the controversy.

The following resolution was passed by the meeting:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that Gov. Taylor should not sign the agreement referred him by the Louisville conference, and that reposing confidence in his ability and sense of duty, we are content to follow his leadership after that refusal."

The resolution was passed after Gov. Taylor had left the hall and was adopted with ringing cheers. A small detachment of troops will be left around the capitol building to preserve order.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 11.—Saturday afternoon Gov. Taylor issued the following proclamation:

"The excitement recently prevailing in this city having to some extent subsided, and there appearing now to be no necessity for the general assembly to remain in session at London, I do hereby, by this proclamation, reconvene same in Frankfort, Ky., February 12, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon."

"W. S. TAYLOR,  
Governor of Kentucky."

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 11.—The executive and legislative headquarters of the democratic state government have been established in Louisville, and the leaders assert they will be maintained here as long as necessary. The legislature has resumed its regular work, with a quorum in each house and Beckham, the democratic governor, in lieu of an executive mansion, has taken up his abode at Seelbach's hotel, surrounded by his political advisers. Most notable among these is, by force of circumstances, Gen. John R. Castleman, the adjutant general. Upon him will devolve the duty of carrying out Beckham's purpose to protect his associates from armed interference, whether it comes from Frankfort or London, or both. Little can be learned of these defensive plans. Gen. Castleman declared no steps have been taken toward organizing a military force.

"The only purpose of the proposed military organization," said he, "is to maintain peace, and so long as there is no disturbance and civil authority rules, there will be no need for the use of military force."

The democratic legislators are not so fearful of arrest as they have been of late.

"We will not submit to arrest," said Speaker Trimble, "We know our rights and will call upon the civil authorities to protect us in our resolve to resist any attempt of republican force to take us to London or any other place."

"I fully concur with Speaker Trimble," said President Carter of the senate. "We will not be arrested. That is the shortest way to put it. Both houses will act jointly in this matter if any attempt of arrest is made and we expect the local authorities to aid us in our efforts to protect our rights. We will not go to London."

The democratic leaders say nothing more will be done by them in the matter of peace negotiations. They say they came to an agreement with seven accredited agents of the republican administration, which agreement was signed by all of the 14 conferees. The republicans, they say, gave assurances that the terms they made would be accepted by Gov. Taylor. One clause of the agreement, they say, was that things should remain in statu quo until next Monday, and the democrats regard the proceedings before the federal court at Cincinnati and Gov. Taylor's message to the London legislature advising that warrants be sworn out for the arrest of absent members as a departure from the spirit of the agreement.

The republicans now in the city who were present at the conference refuse to make any statement as to the present conditions of the conference of last Tuesday. One of them, Lieut. Gov. John Marshall, has gone to London to attend the session of the republican legislature there.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 11.—Gov. Taylor has not signed the peace agreement Saturday morning, and as usual declined to give any hint of his intention. The men throughout the state who have been wiring him to stand firm, and whom he invited here to talk over the situation appeared in fairly large numbers Saturday morning. About sixty of them went to the governor's office, among the number being many of the leading republican politicians from Lexington and the territory adjacent to that city. Sergeant-at-arms Howard and Cecil are expected in Frankfort from London Saturday morning with warrants for the arrest of democratic members of the legislature. It is difficult to see how they can execute their mission here, as there is not, at the present time, a single member of the legislature in or around Frankfort. Every democrat has gone to Louisville.

Secretary K. J. Hampton, of the republican state central committee, who arrived in Frankfort Saturday morning from Winchester, gives it as his opinion that the injunction proceedings at Cincinnati will have no bearing whatever on the gubernatorial situation.

"I am unable even to predict the outcome," said he, "but the republicans are confident of making a good case for both the courts and the people. I see no chance of getting the legislature together unless the democrats should be taken to London. If warrants have been issued they will be taken to Louisville at once for service."

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 12.—The state troops, which have been on duty here for nearly two weeks, have nearly all returned home, only the soldiers from Covington, Newport, Lexington and Morgantown are camped in the Capital square. Adj. Gen. Collier said that only a few companies of infantry would be kept on duty here for a short time, to do police work around the Capital square and guard the public building. They would, he said, interfere in no way with the actions of the members of the legislature and access to the legislative hall would be as free and unrestrained as it was before Taylor issued the proclamation declaring Frankfort in a state of insurrection.

Members of the republican legislature are nearly all here. No intimation has been received as to whether or not the democratic members of the legislature would adjourn their session at Louisville and come to Frankfort to take part in the general session. It is believed here, however, that they will do so, probably by the latter part of the week.

Plan of the Democrats.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 12.—It is reported that the republicans will this week seek to bring the contest for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor before the federal court. Former Gov. Bradley, chief counsel for the republicans in their application before Judge Taft to restrain the state election commissioners from proceeding with the contest for the minor offices, was in town in consultation with leading republican lawyers. The case involving the minor offices comes up at Cincinnati, and it is believed the other case will also be taken before Judge Taft.

On Tuesday the application of the democrats for an injunction to restrain Taylor from interfering with the legislature will come up in the circuit court at Frankfort. The case has been continued from time to time by the democrats pending the peace negotiations. It is expected a temporary injunction will be granted. The case will then be taken to the court of appeals, the state court of last resort. Upon whether or not an appeal to the federal court will lie depends the republican hope of relief from that quarter.

The legislature will remain here at least until it has received a report from its committee which will be appointed to investigate conditions at Frankfort. From talk among the democratic members it is not believed they will return to the capital while soldiers are about the state buildings.

A receiver has been appointed for the Independent Order of Foresters of Illinois.

## PIO DEL PILAR DEAD.

Leaders Disband His Army, Which is Wandering in the Hills.

Rebels in Albay, Province of Luzon, Have Adopted Harassing Tactics Against Towns Which Americans Have Garrisoned.

Manila, Feb. 12.—11 a. m.—A number of ex-insurgent officials arrived here yesterday. They state that Gen. Pio Del Pilar, the insurgent leader, died of fever a fortnight ago in the Morong mountains.

The leaders, after his death, held a meeting, and, seeing it would be futile to offer further resistance to the Americans, they therefore disbanded their forces, which are now wandering in small gangs in the hills.

Manila, Feb. 12.—Guerrilla warfare continues south of Manila. Two attempts have been made to ambush the Americans. Col. Schwan, while returning to Manila with his staff and an escort of 100 cavalry from Batangas, was attacked by the insurgents. The latter were dispersed, but the Americans had five men wounded.

Lieut. Col. Beacom, with six companies of the 42d infantry, had a two hours' fight with Gen. Pio del Pilar's command, which attempted to ambush the Americans along the trail through Morong province, near the lake. Here also the insurgents were dispersed, but the Americans had several wounded, among them a captain.

Gen. Bell is operating southward through Zambales province with a small force. He will soon take two regiments and a battery through the provinces of North Camarines and South Camarines, going there on transports. Many insurgents retreated to that part of the island from Cavite and Batangas provinces.

Another expedition will soon start to garrison towns along the north coast of the island of Mindanao.

It is reported that the insurgent Gen. Alejandro has recovered from his wound and has assembled a large force in that district.

Of late the insurgents in Albay, Province of Luzon, have adopted harassing tactics against the towns which the Americans have garrisoned. They camp in the hills and maintain a constant fire upon the American outposts. When the troops sally against them, they scatter, returning when the Americans retire. They shoot burning arrows, and have thus burned a large part of the town of Albay. Indeed, most of the larger towns in that province are practically deserted, except by the garrisons. Scarcely any of the inhabitants return to their homes. They are camping in the interior, and it is supposed armed insurgents prevent them going back.

It is reported that there is much suffering among them owing to lack of food. As a result of these conditions, the hemp business in that section is seriously hindered and ships going for cargoes are compelled to take gangs of coolies to do their loading. Hemp held in the interior is quite inaccessible.

The plague continues. Eight cases were reported last week among the natives and Chinese. There is no excitement, however, and business and social life are undisturbed. Smallpox, however, is prevalent among the natives along the railroad, and in the towns on the northern coast. Two officers of the 36th infantry have died of the disease and another officer and several soldiers have been stricken.

Four Men Fatally Wounded.

Caney, Kas., Feb. 12.—Four men were perhaps fatally wounded at a dance five miles from Caney in Oklahoma territory. "Bob" and Carl Thomson attacked Joseph and James Mickles and Frank Wise with knives inflicting ugly wounds. Len Cushman interfered and Bob Thomson felled him with a blow on the head from his revolver. All four are in a critical condition. A posse is pursuing the Thomsons.

Oldest Newspaper Man Dead.

Anacosta, Mont., Feb. 10.—Beriah Brown, probably the oldest newspaper man in the west, died here, aged 84 years. Mr. Brown was born in New York state. He was an intimate friend of Horace Greeley. For half a century he was engaged in newspaper work on the Pacific coast. He was the founder of the Democratic Press of San Francisco, which afterwards became the Examiner.

Incorporated at \$3,000,000.

Columbus, O., Feb. 10.—The Morgan Engineering Co. filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock is placed at \$3,000,000, half of which is to be preferred. The company is to manufacture and deal in hydraulic, electric, pneumatic, gas and fire machinery, including guns and ordnance. The headquarters are to be at Alliance.

Lightweight Prize Fight.

New York, Feb. 10.—Joe Gans, the Baltimore lightweight pugilist, gained a well earned decision over Spike Sullivan, of Boston, in the 14th round of a bout at the lightweight limit before the Broadway Athletic club.

Lynching in Texas.

Port Arthur, Tex., Feb. 12.—James Sweeney, white, was lynched at 1 o'clock this morning. Sweeney was a cotton screwman foreman, and had killed Charles Crumbach, a fellow laborer, by jamming a bayonet through his neck, the outcome of a saloon quarrel.

Death of an Old Indian Chief.

Perry, O. T., Feb. 12.—Bear Chief, the oldest chief of Pe-Ta-How-E-Rat and of Pawnee Indians, is dead. He was one of the most intellectual men of his tribe.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CUBA.

The Number Has Increased From 200 to 2,500 Within the Last Six Weeks—Attendance 100,000.

Havana, Feb. 11.—Alexis Frye, superintendent of Cuban schools, in his report to the governor general upon the development of the school system since the work of reorganization began six weeks ago, says that the whole country seems on fire with enthusiasm for an education. The public feeling exceeds all he had ventured to hope for. Six weeks ago there existed in the island less than 200 schools, all based on the old Spanish foundations, with the exception of a few that had been established more than a year before in Santiago by Gen. Wood. There are now 2,058 schools in the island, of which 201 are in Havana city, 152 in Matanzas city, and 170 in Porto Principe city.

Thus far reports have been received from 97 municipalities, and there are 34 others to be heard from, which will probably increase the number of schools by 400. The schools that have already reported show an aggregate attendance of more than 100,000 pupils, and Dr. Frye believes that this attendance will be increased to 150,000 before June 1.

## SYMPATHIZE WITH THE BOERS.

A Resolution to That Effect Passes the Senate—The Vote Will Be Reconsidered.

Washington, Feb. 11.—At the opening of the senate Saturday Mr. Allen presented the following:

"That the United States of America extends its sympathy to the people of the South African republic in their heroic struggle for liberty and popular government, and believes it to be the duty of the government of the United States to offer mediation to the end that further bloodshed may be averted and an honorable peace may be concluded between the belligerent governments."

No objection was made to the consideration of the resolution, only about a dozen senators being present.

Before anybody realized what was going on, the resolution was put to a vote and declared adopted.

Mr. Pettus (Ala.), addressing the chair, demanded the yeas and nays.

To this Mr. Allen objected, as the resolution had been adopted.

The chair agreed to this point, but asked Mr. Allen that he permit the vote to be reconsidered and let the resolution go over. To this Mr. Allen consented.

## To Centralize Their Plants

Pittsburgh, Feb. 11.—Negotiations are in progress for the purchase of 100 acres of land on the Ohio river, a mile below Steubenville, O., by the American Ax and Tool Co., the purpose being to centralize the many widely scattered plants of the concern at that point. The largest plants of the company are at Beaver Falls, Pa.; Milvale, Pa.; Albany, N. Y.; Portland, Me., and East Douglass, Mass. It is also stated that the headquarters will be moved from New York to Pittsburgh as soon as the centralization of the various plants is completed.

## Charred Remains Found.

Escanaba, Mich., Feb. 11.—The charred remains of what are supposed to have been the bodies of nine of the victims of the Chicago & Northwestern wreck, which occurred at Ford river switch, have been brought to this city and placed in the morgue. All but two of them were positively identified by the coroner's jury. These, with the body of Sam O. Green, of Negaunee, which was the first to be recovered, make a total of ten lives lost in the wreck.

## Too Many Convicts.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 11.—Warden S. A. Hawk, of the state penitentiary, is in a quandary as to what to do with his prisoners. The prison will only accommodate 700, there are within its walls 689, and nine were received from Putnam county Friday. In addition to these there will be 29 government prisoners sent to the institution from Washington, D. C., whose sentences range from 20 to 37 years.

## Barrow Not Insane.

New York, Feb. 11.—Warden Johnson, of Sing Sing, said Saturday that George R. Barrow, who last June was sentenced to fourteen years and ten months in state prison for participating in the kidnapping of Marion Clarke, is not insane as has been reported. Barrow, who has been ill, was much better Saturday, and will not be removed to an asylum.

## His Skin Turning White.

St. Louis, Feb. 11.—James Tyler, a Negro in the St. Louis jail, is gradually turning white. The discovery was made by Dr. Kearney, who vaccinated the prisoners. He says that Tyler is afflicted with a peculiar and rare disease, and that in four years his skin will turn from its present coal black color to white. The change is attributed to microbes feeding on the pigment of the skin.

## Followed His Partner's Example.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 12.—William Metcalf, aged 51, a well known printer and publisher, committed suicide by shooting. For years he was the partner of Clark W. Bryan, the paper trade journalist, who shot himself dead two years ago.

## Death of Benton C. Boone.

Clinton, Mo., Feb. 12.—Benton C. Boone, attorney general of the state in 1884 and formerly a member of the legislature, died at his home here of heart disease. He was born in 1833 in Calloway county, Missouri.

## BOERS GAIN POINTS.

Successful in Several Encounters With the British Forces.

The Boers Have Secured an Important Position South of the Tugela—The Theory of an Elaborate Feint Has Been Exploded.

Rensburg, Feb. 10.—The Boers outflanked the British here yesterday. A considerable force of the enemy was threatening the British communications between Rensburg and Slingersfontein, 12 miles away, and during a reconnaissance by some Inniskillings and 20 Australians from Slingersfontein the Boers were discovered attempting to get a gun in position to shell the British camp.

The Australians, having come into very close contact with the enemy, took cover under a hill about 9,000 yards from the camp. Thereupon the Boers took up a position with a view of preventing their retirement. Some burghers got within 200 yards of the Australians and called upon them to surrender. They replied by fixing bayonets and shouting defiance.

Sergt. Edwards and two men made a dash, galloping under a hot fire, passed a number of hills held by the Boers, took word that the Australians were safe and confident of holding the enemy at bay and of getting out after dark, which eventually they did.

The Inniskillings prevented the enemy getting their guns in position. The Australians lost one man killed and three wounded.

The convoys have been successfully gotten to Slingersfontein, the British escorts having several brushes with parties of from 20 to 30 Boers infesting the region. Lieut. Col. Page, with a section of artillery and 150 horses, got one large convoy through by shelling the enemy out of the road.

The Boers also outflanked us on the west, placed a gun in position at Eastards Nek and fired on one of our outposts, driving off 1,000 sheep.

In Wednesday's brush two correspondents, Mr. Hales, of the London Daily News, and Mr. Lambie, of the Melbourne Age, fell behind. Mr. Hales, who was slightly wounded, was captured by the Boers, and Mr. Lambie was killed. The British took two prisoners.

Out of a patrol from the Jufontein, under Capt. Hamilton, composed of eight Tasmanians and eight of Gen. French's scouts, only two Tasmanians and two scouts returned. The others were captured by the Boers.

To-day the Boers shelled the British camp, but with little effect.

Modder River, Feb. 10.—Apparently the Boers have brought all their big guns from Mafeking to shell Kimberley.

Our naval guns shelled Magersfontein to-day, but the Boer guns were silent. It is supposed that the enemy have withdrawn their artillery. They are blowing up the permanent way beyond Morton Siding.

The Boers still man their trenches, but their numbers are apparently reduced. The bulk of their force has gone to Kimberley or toward our flank.

The Highlanders returned last night. Before returning they found the bodies of 12 Boers. They believe the losses of the enemy were heavier than those of the British, because it is known that, in addition to the dead Boers found, several had been buried.

Lord Roberts is here. Upon appearing before the troops Friday he was enthusiastically cheered. He visited the camp of the Highland brigade this morning and complimented Gen. MacDonald and his men on the steady conduct at Koodoosberg drift.

London, Feb. 12.—The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Sunday, says:

"The Boers have occupied Bloy's farm, south of the Tugela, which is under an hour's ride from Chieveley and have turned the homestead into a hospital."

"On the farm are hills commanding both bridges over the Tugela, as well as Forts Wylie and Molyneux, and from which a view of Bulwana and Ladysmith is obtainable."

"There is much apprehension here regarding the Boer movements, and the authorities are on the alert."

The latest dispatches from the front showing the real reasons for Gen. Buller's retirement, and his intention to try again, quite destroy the comforting and ingenious theory that the movement was an elaborate feint to facilitate the main advance of Lord Roberts, a theory which obtained acceptance largely because of Mr. Buller's misleading statement to parliament. These seemingly useless reticences and prevarications on the part of the government and the war office are beginning to be criticised severely.

Durban, Feb. 12.—It is rumored here that Gen. Joubert is marching with a column of 6,000 men to outflank Gen. Buller.

Frere Camp, Feb. 12.—All is quiet here. The British troops are resting and the Boers are inactive.

## Bad Outlook for the Gate City.

New York, Feb. 12.—The sea is growing rougher, and the Gate City is still fast aground off East Moriches, L. I., where she struck on Thursday night. The outlook is considered bad now. Sixteen men of the crew were brought ashore so as to make the work of taking off the remainder in case of immediate danger as easy as possible. The men landed in the breeches buoy. Capt. Googones, of the Gate City, and 20 of his men remain on board assisting the wreckers in the endeavor to float the vessel.

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## A LESSON IN COURTESY.

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One afternoon a stylishly dressed woman boarded an Illinois Central train at Forty-seventh street. She sat down in the only vacant seat, beside a young workman, who was reading a book. The woman wore blue overalls and carried a dinner pail. The woman drew herself together imperceptibly and elevated her eyebrows. In getting her ticket she dropped her purse, and the young fellow picked it up and offered it to her politely. She took it, without a word of thanks. All the way up town she fidgeted and behaved so unpleasantly that the attention of the other passengers in the car was attracted to the little drama.

When the train stopped at Randolph street the woman, in crowding past, knocked the book from the workman's hands.

"I beg your pardon," she condescended. "Not at all, ma'am," responded the young fellow, cheerfully. "It's quite in keeping with the rest of your conduct."

And everybody thought it served her right.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

## Owned It All.

John I. Blair in his earlier days owned a western railroad along the route of which he established a series of lunchrooms at which employees of the road were to be fed 50 cents and all passengers 75 cents. Mr. Blair once dined at one of these places, and, concluding his meal, laid down a half-dollar. "Hold on!" cried the cashier, "you don't belong to this road." "I know that," replied Mr. Blair, "the road belongs to me."—Chicago Chronicle.

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